

Fire Prevention Week



KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany —Fire prevention is everyone's business; youngsters, seniors, and those in-between. At IMA-EURO child development centers, lessons in fire safety begin early. And who's better at delivering information to preschoolers than the Sesame Street Muppets?

Bert and Ernie are teaching youngsters at USAG Kaiserslautern's Child and Development Center this week what to do if they find a match. Important stuff, as any kid will tell you, since this is Fire Prevention Week.

The Muppets, with a little help from the garrison's Fire Department, put on a three-part show called "Monster, Match and Smoke Detectors. The firefighters have performed the show for the past 22 years at the garrison's three CDCs at Kleber Kaserne, Miesau Army Depot and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

The performance consists of three shows titled "Monster, Match and Smoke Detectors." Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire on Oct. 8 and 9, 1871, which killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 structures. The annual fire prevention observance was begun by presidential proclamation in 1920 by Woodrow Wilson.

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